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1. The Central Committee (Lajnah Markaziyyah)

a. Members of the Central Committee

The Central Committee of the Communist Party is composed of the following members:

Nicola Shawi
Farajallah Hilu
Fu'ad Qasan
Hashim Amin
Hasan Quraytim
Yusuf Khattar Hilu
Mayer Mas'ad
Mustafa 'Aris
Artin Madoyan
Wadi Nasrallah
Murshid Saliba
Nasib Nimr (believed to have replaced Antun Tabit)
Tannus Diyab

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Khalid Baghdash, as supervisor of the Communist Parties in the Middle East, often presides over the Central Committee when it is discussing important issues.

(Field Comment. This Central Committee list differs greatly from an earlier one which mentioned Emily Faris Ibrahim, Michel Baddurah and Antun Tabit. Concerning Emily Faris Ibrahim, one source stated that the CP considered such persons more useful when kept out of the Party's main activities.)

b. Meetings of the Central Committee

The meetings of the Central Committee are held at the following places:

Office of Antun Tabit

Former home of late Umar Fakhuri

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Home of Elias Qazan Mazra'a Quarter

Home of Elias Bitar Ashrafiyyah

Home of Hashim Amin Dakwanah

Home of Khalil Hilu Sin al-Fil

Home of Elias Shahin Antelias

Home of Bisharah Barakat Beit Meri

or, at night, meetings may be held at one of a number of coffee shops.

Normally the Central Committee meets once a month, but during periods of emergency or under exceptional circumstances it may meet more frequently.

2. Political Bureau (al-Maktab al-Siyasi)

- a. The Political Bureau is composed of three or four members of the Central Committee who prepare and discuss important political affairs at Central Committee meetings and who are responsible for Party correspondence and communications.
- b. During periods of emergency, it also has the authority to make decisions for transmission to the local committees or sections.
- c. The Political Bureau is now composed of the following:

Nicola Shawi
Fu'ad Qazan
Hasan Quraytim
Farajallah Hilu

3. Local Committees (Lajnah Muhalliyah)

a. Central Committee's Relations with the Local Committees

Subordinate to the Central Committee are the Local Committees. Every Local Committee includes one representative of the Central Committee who passes on Central Committee instructions and decisions and is responsible for their implementation and for the Local Committee's administration. This representative may have assistants assigned to help him manage the affairs of the Local Committee, but he must first submit a list of names of prospective assistants to the Central Committee for its approval.

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b. Location of Local Committees

The Local Committees of the Communist Party are located in the following districts:

	<u>Headquarters</u>
1) District of Beirut and Mount Lebanon	Beirut
2) District of the Biqa' (Consists of Qadahs of Rashayyah, Ba'lbek, al-Harmal, and Zahle)	Zahle
3) District of South Lebanon (Consists of Qadahs of Sidon, Tyre, and Marja'yun)	Jdeidi (Marja'yun)
4) District of North Lebanon (Consists of Qadahs of Kura, al-Batrun, Akkar, Zghorta, and Tripoli)	Tripoli

c. Composition

The Local Committees are composed of eight members who are usually secretaries of the sections (firqah) in the District. However, they are sometimes appointed by the Central Committee and may be members who hold no other Party positions. As was mentioned previously, it is also essential that one of the Local Committee members be also a member of the Central Committee.

The Secretary of the Local Committee is usually in charge, but on special occasions a representative of the Central Committee assumes control, upon presenting a written order from the Central Committee to the Secretary.

d. Authority

The authority of the Local Committee is restricted to the activities of the Sections (firqah) and Cells (khaliyah) in their District. The Sections and Cells receive their instructions from the Local Committee and submit all reports on meetings to the Local Committee of the District.

The Local Committee may meet at any time and is authorized to hold meetings in places other than its headquarters. Under normal circumstances, the Local Committee may meet several times a month, or under exceptional circumstances it may meet twice a week.

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d. (continued)

During a Local Committee meeting, the suggestions and directives of the Central Committee Representative must not be opposed. If a member of the Local Committee offers any objection or opposition, he will eventually be placed under secret surveillance, and if he is found to be acting against Party interests, the Central Committee will consider his expulsion.

e. Members of the Local Committee for Beirut

Members of the Local Committee of the Beirut District are:

Murshid Saliba
 Nasib Nimr
 Habib Habib
 Michel Haddad
 As'ad 'Aql
 Muhammad Ahmad Ma'tuq
 Saj'an Saj'an
 Antoinette Khuri
 George Mansi
 Emile George Trad
 Yusuf Khattar Hila (replaced by Hasan Quraytim?)
 Elias al-Bawari

4. Sections (Firqah)a. Origin and Functions

The Section was introduced to Party structure in Beirut and Tripoli in 1942 to bring all members of one profession together in one section. Since 1934, moreover, Party organization in Beirut had been based on the labor movement.

Meetings of the Sections in the cities, particularly in Beirut, must be held once a week, and a report on the subjects discussed must be submitted to the Local Committees.

Before the Labor Council of a labor union meets, its Communist Section holds a meeting and decides what line to take at the Labor Council gathering. By its unity, the Communist section is thus able to control the decisions of the Council even though it contains a non-Communist majority.

b. Secretaries of the Communist Section of Beirut

Wafiq Jalul	Secretary of Mechanics Section
Arif Khashm	Secretary of Small Stores Owners Section
Mustafa Ma'tuq	Secretary of Barbers Section
Hanna Zarqa	Secretary of Typesetters First Section
Michel 'Azar	Secretary of Typesetters Second Section

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Elias Bisharah Bawari	Secretary of the Typesetters Third Section	
Ahmad Jalul	Secretary of Restaurant Workers Section	
Sayyid Karam	Secretary of the Barbers Second Section	
George Furayhah	Secretary of Carpenters Section	
Barjis Abu-Salih	Secretary of Carpenters Second Section	
George Qazan	Secretary of Tiles Workers Section	
Muhyi-al-Din Ghazzawi	Secretary of Port Workers Section	
Muhammad 'Akkawi	Secretary of Bakers Section	
Garabet Jiknavorian	Secretary of Tramway Workers Section	
As'ad 'Aql	Secretary of Tramway Workers Second Section	
Shakib Bayruti	Secretary of Wood Polishers Section	
Antoinette Khuri	Secretary of the Womens' Section at Ashrifiiyyah Quarter	
Jeannette Qazan	Secretary of the Womens' Section at Mazra'a Quarter. _____ Comment. Wife of George Qazan, and only distantly, if at all, related to Fu'ad Qazan.)	25X1A6a

5. Cells (Khaliyyah)

A Cell is usually composed of five to nine persons and is divided into a number of cells as the membership increases. ~~_____~~ Comment. The relationship of the Cell to the Section has yet to be clarified. 25X1A6a
In addition, it is not known whether Cells exist at all in Beirut and Tripoli, or whether they have been replaced by Sections.)

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6. Armenian Branch's Relation to the Communist Party Proper

In 1934, the Comintern issued a directive creating the Armenian Branch of the Party, headed by Artin Madoyan, member of the Central Committee of the Lebanese CP. In time, however, Madoyan's contacts with the Armenians decreased, although he remained the member of the Lebanese Central Committee responsible for execution of decisions concerning the Armenian Branch. A special Local Committee was then formed with Ohannes Aghabashian as General Secretary. Aghabashian's knowledge of Arabic later led to his appointment as liaison between the Central Committee and the Armenian Branch.

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